

Tanya Dobrzynski - NOAA Federal

From: Tanya Dobrzynski - NOAA Federal
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Benjamin Friedman
Cc: Makeda Okolo - NOAA Federal
Subject: Fwd: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian

I'd suggest we discuss this a bit further. We've heard SCC minority (Cantwell) wants to hold a hearing. SCC majority is asking for Neil to come in and explain next week. We've gotten letters from House Science and Sen. Blumenthal. I think we need leadership guidance on the response as I noted yesterday. [REDACTED]

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Let me know if you have any time today to discuss.

Thanks,
Tanya

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From: Benjamin Friedman - NOAA Federal <benjamin.friedman@noaa.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 5:13 PM
Subject: Re: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian
To: Tanya Dobrzynski - NOAA Federal <tanya.dobrzynski@noaa.gov>, Davidson, Hillary (Federal) <HDavidson@doc.gov>

Tanya:

Have you met Hillary Davidson, yet? She is working on oversight issues for us. I am cc:ing her on this e-mail. She probably can't give you specific information, but can assist in any responses.

Ben

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On Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 1:16 PM Tanya Dobrzynski - NOAA Federal <tanya.dobrzynski@noaa.gov> wrote:

Am hoping guidance for how best to address this type of correspondence will be forthcoming...?

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From: **Matthew Borgia - NOAA Federal** <matthew.borgia@noaa.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian
To: Wendy Lewis <wendy.lewis@noaa.gov>, Tanya Dobrzynski <Tanya.Dobrzynski@noaa.gov>

Wendy (& Tanya),
Please advise on how you'd like to proceed on this. If it needs to go to the "oversight" office, or NOAA Policy, or elsewhere.
Thanks!
Matt

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From: **Hooghan, Priyanka** <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM
Subject: Questions on NOAA directives and statements regarding Hurricane Dorian
To: Wendy Lewis <wendy.lewis@noaa.gov>, Matthew Borgia - NOAA Federal <matthew.borgia@noaa.gov>, john.sokich@noaa.gov <john.sokich@noaa.gov>
Cc: Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>

Hi Wendy, Matt, and John,

We are reaching out regarding NOAA's recent [Agency-wide directive](#) to staff following [the President's tweet on September 1st](#), and well as the Agency's September 6th [statement on Hurricane Dorian](#). Please provide us with responses to the following questions no later than **COB next Monday September 16th**:

- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the NOAA-wide directive to staff on September 1 in which they were told to "stick with official National Hurricane Center

forecasts” and “not provide any opinion”?

- Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue an Agency-wide directive for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?
- Which members of NOAA leadership were involved in drafting and issuing the September 6 public statement from NOAA, disavowing the NWS Birmingham’s [tweet](#)?
 - Was NOAA directed by the Department of Commerce or White House leadership to issue a statement for this purpose. If so, who within DOC or the White House issued this direction?

Additionally, we have attached Chairwoman Johnson’s letter to President Trump regarding a White House video released last week that showed a placard of a Hurricane Dorian forecast that had been altered to suggest the hurricane was forecasted to impact Alabama. Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Priyanka

Priyanka K. Hooghan

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